

December 4, 2003

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Verizon 271 Broadband Forbearance Petition; CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 98-147, and 96-98*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, the CompTel/ASCENT Alliance ("CompTel") hereby gives notice that on December 3, 2003, its representatives met with Commissioner Kevin Martin and Daniel Gonzalez, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin. In these meetings CompTel explained that the Commission must reject Verizon's forbearance petition because it is inconsistent with the Commission's goal of furthering advanced services deployment. CompTel noted that the Commission, in its Triennial Review Order already addressed ILEC incentives to deploy packet-based broadband facilities. To relieve Verizon of any obligation to provide access to packetized loop transmission at just and reasonable prices would eliminate competitors' ability to transition to next-generation soft-switch and IP networks. Thus, CompTel asked the Commission to reject Verizon's petition.

In attendance were: Charles Barker, CEO, ACN; Casey Wojciechowski, General Manager, American Farm Bureau; William Capraro, CEO, CIMCO Communications; Robert Mocas, Easton Telecom Services; Elliott Derk, CEO, HTL Telemanagement; Danny Bottoms, President and CEO, OnFiber Communications; David Malfara, Sr., President and CEO, Remi Communications; James Continenza, President and CEO, Teligent; Colin Wood, CEO, TransWorld Network; Carol Ann Bischoff, CompTel, Steve Trotman, CompTel, Walter Blackwell, CompTel, and the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,

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